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**INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL**

12 June 1985

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Intelligence Producers Council

**FROM:**

Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

**SUBJECT:**

Status Report of IPC Activities

**I. NIT-Related Activity**

- a. The SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities met on 23 May 1985 to discuss the contents of IPC Staff-prepared reports on NIT-related production for the first six months of the current fiscal year and on information gaps related to the FY 85 NITs.

- b. The SIG(I) Committee also discussed the DDCI's call for inputs to the FY 86 NITs, especially the background paper on anticipated world events and issues that was prepared by the IPC Staff and accompanied the call.

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**3. Future Intelligence Requirements Forecast (FIRF)**

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- a. In May, the Chairman of the IPC sent a memo to Council members and representatives announcing that the updated FIRF had been disseminated for review

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Consequently, publication of a new FIRF is now anticipated in December 1985 rather than in September as originally planned.

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- b. Two contractors submitted bids in response to the IPC Staff's RFP for work on the FIRF. heads the team that is now reviewing and evaluating the comparative bids in order to determine which firm is best qualified to perform the required tasks.

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**4. Information Exchange on External Research**

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- a. In June 1983, the IPC established procedures for the exchange of information on external research (contract) studies. Those procedures were reviewed by IPC Points of Contact in August 1984 and revised in an effort to improve the flow of useful information among the participants. The objective of improving the information flow, however, has not been fully realized over the past six months as contract proposals and status reports have not, in some instances, been distributed widely or in a timely manner.

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- b. In an effort to revitalize the existing information exchange process, the IPC Staff is again reviewing the procedures with the IPC Points of Contact (POC) and, based on those discussions, will propose some changes. The changes are intended to simplify the existing process and to put more of the burden of getting status reports disseminated on the IPC Staff. For example, the Staff would assume sole responsibility for ensuring that external research information is appropriately distributed to all participants. A description of the proposed changes has been disseminated to the IPC POCs for preliminary comment. [REDACTED]

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5. Core Intelligence Capability [REDACTED]

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- a. In an effort to be more responsive to the SSCI's core intelligence request, the IPC Staff at the request of the Chairman, IPC, prepared a study plan that outlined proposed tasks and a suggested approach for accomplishing a Phase II Core Intelligence Capability Study. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The NIC was asked to rank the countries into groups that reflect the level of importance to the US. It also presumes that increases in data base and other intelligence efforts would be proposed based on this ranking. The relative importance of the countries would be evaluated periodically by the NIC. Senior policymakers and intelligence managers would be apprised of the assessments regularly. This should prove to Congress that we are minimizing the chances for "surprises" in those countries where marginal effort is placed on analysis for valid reasons. [REDACTED]

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- b. The IPC Staff-prepared study plan was disseminated to the IPC Core Study Group participants in late April with the request that they review the proposed tasks and approach, solicit working-level comments from their respective components, and provide those comments to the Study Group Director. Comments have been received from all participants and they indicate that, although there is general agreement with the concept of the Phase II Core Study, there are some divergent views on specific tasks outlined in the study plan. The Study Group Director will prepare a revised study plan that attempts to accommodate the participants views and will then try to get IPC coordination on an approach for implementing the Phase II study. [REDACTED]

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6. Production Enhancement Initiatives [REDACTED]

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- b. In addition to completing the FY 86 PEI selections, the IPC Staff is submitting requests for sponsor evaluations of completed and on-going PEI projects so that an evaluation of the PEI program to date can be prepared and submitted to the DCI to provide him with an overall perspective of its success. The evaluation also will be used to develop the selection criteria and new administrative procedures for incorporation in an FY 1986 PEI implementation plan to be prepared by the IPC Staff. This plan will be submitted to members for their approval.

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7. Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms

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- a. The IPC Staff has, with the assistance of intelligence production elements, updated an IPC document entitled "Intelligence Community Interface: A Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms: An Update," that was published and disseminated in August 1983. The updated draft has been disseminated to Intelligence Community elements for final comment and coordination. The updated version of the compendium will probably be published in August 1985.

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- b. The updated version of the compendium will highlight those coordinating mechanisms that address developments

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